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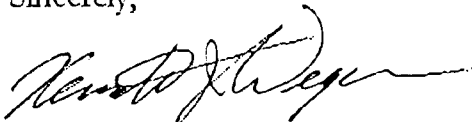
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The Microsoft settlement wins for resolution among competitors. This settlement will provide computer makers and software developers with flexibility when configuring Windows to better promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows, without the threat of a lawsuit. Microsoft will also use a uniform price list when licensing Windows out to the twenty largest computer makers in the nation, and will not retaliate against companies that use or promote software that competes with Microsoft's programs.

As a retired professor of Engineering & Technology in Sierra College, Rocklin, California, I constantly researched different software programs and found Microsoft's software programs superior among the competition.

The steps taken to settle this case are important because it shows Microsoft has nothing to hide regarding its business practices, and competitors will have an equal playing field.

Sincerely,



Kenneth J. Weger